

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William J. Hoekstra et al.  
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Title : TRICYCLIC BENZODIAZEPINES AS  
VASOPRESSIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 30 of this paper.